

Recreation & Tourism Indicators

For the past several months the Tri County Economic Development District has been coordinating with Eastern Washington University on the development of a Community Indicators website for northeastern Washington. The Community Indicators Project is designed to provide a regional snapshot of a large collection of data elements that can provide business, public sector, and civic leaders with a more factual understanding of the region as they plan and make decisions on present and future activities and ventures. The project is being led by Dr. Patrick Jones who is the Executive Director for the Institute for Public Policy & Economic Analysis at Eastern Washington University.

The outcome of the project will be a website that will contain community indicators in the following areas: People, Economic Vitality, Environment, Health, Housing & Transportation, and Public Safety, and Recreation & Tourism. Each of the areas will have a set of data elements that will contain information for Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties (where available) .

The following is a link to the Walla Walla website that was developed by Dr. Jones and his team at Eastern. This will give you a good overview of how the data is used and presented in a user friendly website.

<<http://www.wallawallatrends.com> >

The website also identifies the data sources for each indicator that is displayed.

We are inviting community and business leaders to a Recreation & Tourism Focus Group meeting on Friday, February 19, from 2 pm until 4 pm to help decide which recreation and tourism data elements in our region are the most important ones to help people make informed decisions as they plan for the future. You or a representative from your company or organization is invited to participate in the Recreations & Tourism focus group session because of the position you and your company or organization has in this region.

The following link is to a short video about the Chelan County Community Indicators Project and what the participants in their project had to say about the website that has been developed. The link is

< <http://www.chelandouglastrends.ewu.edu/cdVideo.cfm>>

Please R.S.V.P. to Mallory at Tri County Economic Development District (mconner@teddonline.com or 509.684.4571) if you or someone representing you would be able to attend. The more the input that Dr. Jones receives, the more valuable the website will be for our area. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, February 19 at 2 pm in the Monumental Room of Spokane Community College, Colville Center.